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Request For Continuing Examination

In re Patent Application of:

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For: A COMPOSITION COMPRISING AN ENZYME HAVING
GALACTOSE OXIDASE ACTIVITY AND USE THEREOF

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.115

Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property
and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Final Office Action of August 9, 2001, and the Advisory Action of February 20, 2002, advising Applicants that their replies to the Final Office Action filed January 28, February 5 and 13, 2002 were not entered. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-23 and insert claims 33-52 which are replacement claims for most of claims 1-23 heretofore present in the application. The reason for the introduction of the replacement claims was discussed with the Examiner at the personal interview, as detailed below. For the Examiner's convenience, enclosed in Appendix A is a clean set of claims 1-32 present in the application prior to this Amendment. Please amend claims 24, 28, 29, 32 and 33-52. A clean version of the amended claims (and of all replacement claims) is set forth below. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b), also enclosed, in Appendix B, is a marked-up version of the amended claims to show

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